

John A. Powell
Colonel, Medical Corps, US Army

Col. Powell was born in Ogdensburg, New York. Upon graduation from St. Lawrence University in 1979, he was named Distinguished Military Graduate. Afterwards, he obtained an M.A. and PhD from the University of New York at Buffalo in 1983. Col. Powell received his M.D. degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He completed his internship and residency training in Internal Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He holds the Surgeon General's "A" designator in Internal Medicine. Col. Powell is a resident graduate of both Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

In July 1990, Col. Powell deployed to the Persian Gulf as a medical company commander with the 101st Airborne Division. After Desert Storm, he returned to Fort Rucker and served as the Chief of the Department of Medicine and later as a Battalion Surgeon for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

In May 1996, Col. Powell served as a staff internist at Womack Army Medical Center and then as the Division Surgeon for the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was reassigned to Fort Rucker to serve as the Commander of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory. On the 14 June 2002, Col. Powell assumed command of the 10th Combat Support Hospital and subsequently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to his assignment as Commander of William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Col. Powell served as the Command Surgeon for North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Command and the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. His new assignment is a Multi- National Security Transition Command Iraq (MNSTC-I) Assistant Chief of Staff, Health Affairs.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two OLC, Bronze Star with OLC, Meritorious Service Medal with two OLC, Air Medal (2nd award), Joint service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with four OLC and other unit and service awards. He holds the EFMB, Air Assault Badge, is a Master Flight Surgeon and Master Parachutist. He is also the Surgeon General's consultant in Operational Medicine.